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SUBJECT : POSSIBLE MAJOR SALE OF HELICOPTERS TO ADDF

REF: (A) STATE 69114, (B) ABU DHABI 770

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT RE SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT'S REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION ON SALE OF HELICOPTERS TO ADDF (REFTELS).

2. FYI SIKORSKY REPS CALLED ON EMBOFF AGAIN APRIL 25 TO REPORT THEY STILL PURSUING SALE. PROBLEM HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT CONFUSED IN THAT SHAIKH SULTAN, NUMBER TWO SON OF SHAIKH ZAYED AND DEPUTY C-IN-C OF ADDF, HAS NOW EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VIP VERSION OF SIKORSKY S-61 AS WELL AS INH-53'S. SIKORSKY IN PROCESS OF PUTTING TOGETHER TOTAL PACKAGE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EMBASSY BE PREPARED ASSIST IF NEEDED IN GETTING APPOINTMENT FOR PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL DIRECTLY TO SULTAN HIMSELF. AMBASSADOR HAD EARLIER PUT IN PITCH FOR SIKORSKY WITH SULTAN AND WE PREPARED IN PRINCIPAL TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS ON FIRM'S BEHALF. SULTAN, HOWEVER, INDICATED CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT IN USG REFUSAL SELL TOW MISSILES LAST FALL AND WE WOULD NOT WISH TO GET FURTHER INVOLVED IN HELICOPTER DEAL UNLESS WE CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT LICENSE WILL IN FACT BE ISSUED IF SALE CONSUMATED.
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